

UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS
United Nations Plaza
New York City
New York

HABS No. NY-6076

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE NEW YORK	COUNTY NEW YORK	TOWN OR VICINITY NEW YORK
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS		HABS NO. NY-6076
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) United Nations Plaza		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) (see additional information below)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) (see attached data page 2)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The headquarters of the United Nations. An international team of architects developed the scheme, including LeCorbusier of France (who seems to have been the main impetus for the design), Oscar Niemeyer of Brazil, Sven Markelius of Sweden and others.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) International		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE United Nations Headquarters		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The Secretariat was finished in 1950, the General Assembly Building in 1952, the Conference Building in 1952, and the Dag Hammarskjöld Library in 1961. The land worth \$8,500,000.00, was donated by John D. Rockefeller.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) For bibliography on this site see data pages 3-6.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Eleni Silverman, Architectural Historian, HABS from materials developed by East River-Turtle Bay Fund, Inc., 1966		DATE 5/84

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Architects (Cont'd from data page 1):

Although the general design for the United Nations Headquarters was conceived by an international committee of architects, the individual buildings were built under the direction of individual architects and engineers.

The architects and engineers for the Secretariat Building (NY-6076-1 through NY-6076-4), the General Assembly Building (NY-6076-4 and NY-6076-5), and the Conference Building were:

Wallace Harrison
Louis Skidmore
W. Earle Andrews
Gilmore D. Clarke
Lawrence S. Waterbury
William Wilson

The contractors for the buildings were:

Slattery Contracting Company
George A. Fuller Company
Turner Construction Company
Walsh Construction Company

The architects for the Dag Hammarskjold Library (NY-6076-1 through NY-6076-3) were Harrison and Abramovitz.

The information for this project was compiled by the East River-Turtle Bay Fund, Inc., in October of 1966. John Waite was the supervisor of the survey, Diana S. Waite and Moira B. Mathiesson were researchers working under his direction. Kevin Roche and John Dinkeloo were the architects on the team. George Eissenman did the photographs of the site. The documentation was prepared and edited by Eleni Silverman, Architectural Historian, HABS, WASO office, for transmittal to the Library of Congress in June of 1984.

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